

PRESIDENT: Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: LB 127, introduced by Senator Luedtke, (READ) There are 31 pages of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: That must be an all time high. All right, Senator Luedtke, do you want to handle the committee amendments.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I move the adoption of the committee amendments, which are the bill. Constitutes the bill. This is the uniform alcoholism, intoxication treatment act and the amendments basically call for placing alcohol treatment in the department of health rather than the department of institutions. I also decriminalizes the whole subject of drunkenness in the State and provides a for the first time in the State's history, some type of a treatment on the local community basis and provides the funds to do it and by that I mean, the bill, the amendment to the bill which becomes the bill, taxes the net proceeds of beer at a¢ per gallon and 25¢ per gallon on a tax on alcohol which would raise a million dollars to fund this act.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are amendments to the committee amendments. I move to amend the amendments on page 22, section 17, delete paragraphs 1 and 2, renumber sections. Page 25, section 20, delete sections 1 and 3. Page 28, section 26, line 18, change 11 to 25 and line 21, 25 to 50, signed Senator Fellman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman, these are your amendments to the committee amendments. Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, the amendments delete a couple of sections which over lap with exisiting jurisdiction and increase the amount of tax. There are those who have asked me to insert this amendment, arguing that the amount of money in the bill as amended by the committee, does not provide sufficient funds, and that this additional tax is necessary to produce funds to adequately operate the program.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion--

SENATOR FELLMAN: I move the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Fellman amendments? All those in favor of the Fellman amendments, Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: What does the Fellman amendment do?

PRESIDENT: All right.

CLERK: (Read)

PRESIDENT: I presume you want an explanation of it. Senator Fellman, would you explain them for Senator Mahoney please.

SENATOR FELLMAN: They are very simply, the amount of money is doubled. Those who are working with it have approached me and said, John Fiskmeyer of Omaha and some others have argued that the amount of money reduced is no where near sufficient to operate programs. The program is an alcoholic treatment, the theory of the program very obviously is the person who buys liquor pays for the treatment of the alcoholic. I don't think there is any question about that. The, those who have advocated and worked with this program, say that there is a need for more money. My amendments essentially double the amount of money. Both on beer and on liquor.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, you would have to be here all afternoon, because your going right back to what you did last year when you increased liquor and beer the last session